

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will not increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will take away consumer choice in the satellite tv market and will not be a stronger competitor to cable operators. In addition, the merger will not ensure that affordable high-speed Internet access service via satellite is available to Americans nationwide.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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